

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical pickup apparatus has a first light source for emitting a first laser beam, a second light source for emitting a second laser beam whose wavelength is different from that of the first laser beam, a first grating for allowing the first laser beam to pass as a 0th order light, diffracting the second laser beam, and generating a primary diffracted light having an optical axis which closely coincides with that of the first laser beam, and a second grating for using the laser beam supplied from the first grating as a main beam and generating sub-beams for generating a tracking error signal of a three-beam method with respect to the main beam, wherein the first and second light sources and the first and second gratings are constructed as an integrated unit, and the unit is held in a holding member for holding the optical parts of the optical system.